IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 25, 2017

Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday Vigil—4:00PM Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Weekday Schedule
Communion Service: Monday and Friday at 9:00 AM
Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM

All Are Welcome

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

PASTORAL STAFF
Fr Don Rutherford, Sacramental Minister
Deacon Al Manzella, Parish Life Director
Deacon Mark Leonard

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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday prior to the 4:00pm Mass

Sacrament of Baptism
Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Baptisms are generally on the 2nd weekend of the month.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Couples should make arrangements as soon as the engagement is announced.

Anointing of the Sick
The Anointing of the Sick will be administered the first full weekend of each month, immediately after each Mass.

Deacon Al's Corner

The Immaculate Heart of Mary – Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary was requested by the Blessed Mother at Fatima July 13, 1917. It would be good for us to reflect on "The Immaculate Heart of Mary" as we approach the 100th Anniversary of this event and as we celebrate her feast day. Mary was chosen to be the Mother of God! Luke tells us in his Gospel that "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." **(Luke 2:19 & 51)** Mary has a mother's love for all of us! When we pray the Rosary we ask for Mary to intercede for us with Jesus. I remember the good Sisters, in high school, telling us that praying to Mary is like going to your mother to ask her help to get your father to say yes, you can borrow the car. Jesus loves us also, but it couldn't hurt to have Mary intercede for us!
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Humility – Mary was a model of humility. She traveled about sixty miles, while she was pregnant, to visit her cousin Elizabeth. No buses, taxis or public transportation back then! Mary tells Elizabeth "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." Mary gives praise to God. Should we do any less?

Joy – And Mary rejoices in God her savior. Is it any wonder that Mary is often presented as a model for all of us to imitate? She is filled with joy and humility, and she says yes to what God asks her to do.

Doing Our Part to End Hunger – Thank you for signing the letters to our representatives! We had over 100 letters signed.

Vocations Ministry—In his book, *True Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary*, Father Robert J. Fox describes Our Blessed Mother Mary's life: "In all the world there has been only one human person who ever lived the Christ-life without flaw or fault. There has been only one woman upon this earth who, from the first moment of her existence until the last breath of her mortal body, was found to fulfill the will of God perfectly in every respect. At each moment she was 'favored, full of grace,' and each moment she grew in grace still more. The perfect correspondence of her will to the will of God has given the world a heart most pleasing to God and therefore a model for every Christian."

On this weekend that our parish celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, let us pray for the strength to imitate Mary's Immaculate Heart by continuously saying "yes" to God's will, including the vocations to which He calls us. Whether He calls us to vocations of loving marriage, generous single life, or to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, let us strive to be "full of grace" as Mary always was.

Please sign up to bring the Traveling Chalice to your home as you pray. Instructions are at the Sacred Heart statue at the rear of the Church.

We invite you to become a member of our parish family. To begin the registration process, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket on Sunday. We will send you a new membership form for registration.

NAME_____**ADRESS**_____

HOME PHONE_____

"SCOOP"-ING AT MAC'S DRIVE-IN!!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th—Fr Ed will be *"scooping"* from 5 PM to 8 PM ...and you know what that means?! .....**IHM gets 10% of the proceeds** on that day. Come and get some of their delicious home-made ice creams, frozen yogurts, and/or a fantastic hamburger, savory hot dogs, or scrumptious home fries and contribute to the Parish at the same time!

This Wednesday from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at MAC's Drive-In. If you can't make it in the evening, be sure to stop in for lunch or just a snack any time during the day. Hope to see you all there!!

Faith Formation—For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation Information

Please call the Faith Formation office at 328-0427 or contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for information or questions about our Faith Formation Program.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Please note: CLOW will be on hiatus until September.

Here's What's Coming Up in June/July

June 24/25: Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary, after all Masses
June 26: Adoration: 9:30am to noon
July 11: Holy Hour, 6 to 7pm
July 15/16: Missionary Cooperative
July 16: Pre-k Day, after the 11am Mass
July 19: Social Justice, 11am in the Parish Life Center

Social Justice Community Garden—The city has permitted the use of park land for individuals to garden in raised beds and elevated beds. Call **Mike McGlynn, 272-8255 or parish office and leave a message**.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays: 3 to 5pm—Lauraine Fitzgerald has outdone herself with desserts. Chocolate delight one week, followed by cherry cheesecake the next!! Many thanks to Lauraine for adding the crowning touch to our meals every week!!

Every Monday, all members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike, to pick up a take out meal or to enjoy an eat in meal to chat and relax with friends. Don't feel like cooking? Come join us!!

Questions?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, June 24/25—On the weekend of June 24/25, we will celebrate the patroness of our parish with celebrations after all of the Masses. Thanks to all those who volunteered to help prepare and serve food items on this very special weekend.

Make sure to join us in the back of the church to celebrate our patroness and the community of IHM. Thanks for sharing your gifts with all of us!!

Rosary Breakfast: ***Thank you!!*** … to all who attended the Rosary Breakfast on June 11th, and a very special thanks to Joe Skumurski and his family for the great catering job.

Scripture Study: ***Gospel of Matthew***—Join us June 29 from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Life Center for a questions and a discussion of Chapter 27 of the Gospel of Matthew, ***The Passion of the King.*** For more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

RCIA *and Sacramental Preparation for Adults*—*Need to receive sacraments –Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult?* ***Something to consider - Do you know that in order to be a godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation, you must have received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation)???***

Whatever your needs may be, we are here to help you make it happen. We are able to work around your schedule and your individual area of need. Want more information?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 or **skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.**

IHM Prayer Ministry—if you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one, contact Brenda Persons at 271-6184 .

Confronting Racism: ***A Bold New Faith Perspective***—The Muslim-Catholic Dialogue Committee presents a public event open to ALL faith communities. Thursday, June 29, 2017, 7—9 pm. Registration at 6:30pm. Macedonia Baptist Church, 16 Wilson Ave., Colonie (formerly Our Lady of Mercy) Panelists: rev Leonard Comithier, Pastor of Macedonia Baptist church; Imam Abdulkadir Elmi, Masjid as-Salam, Albany; James Owens, Black Catholic Apostolate, St Joan of Arc Church, Menands. This event is sponsored by the Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany and the Muslim Community of the Capital District. All are invited to attend.

In Memoriam ~ 2017

In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 12/17/17	In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 11/12/17	In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family 10/22/17
In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/15/17	In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children 10/8/17	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 9/10/17
In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 8/20/17	In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 7/30/17	In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford 7/23/17
	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/2/17	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/2/17

Mass Intentions for Week

Sat., June 24
Nicholas Mitchell, Sr (8th Anniv) req by wife, Dorothy & family
Margaret Rose Gonsowski, req by Debra & Dennis Kilcullen
Norman & Marion Persons, req by Brenda

Sun., June 25
8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Marian Baciewicz, req by Baciewicz family
Joan Ross, req by Cindy & Gene Cocca
Donald Winterbourne, req by the family

Mon., June 26
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., June 27
9:00am—Kathleen Clinton, req by Peg Fisk

PLEASE NOTE: Wed., June 28
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Thurs., June 29
9:00am—In thanksgiving for 60 years, req by Rosalie & Charles Adams
Gloria Glogowski, req by sisters-in-law

Fri., June 30
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., July 1
Marge Halpin Testo, req by the family
Thomas Halpin, req by family
Anthony/Teophila Chmielewski, req by Karl & Joan

Sun., July 2
John Kenney, req by Brenda Persons
Carl Ed Hansen, req by Dolores Wickware & Anthony Hanczarky
Jeff King, Jr, req by Linda Dunbar

11:00am—Living & Deceased mem of IHM

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Weekly Collection (including mail-in)
June 18-19, 2016.....$5195.00
June 17-18, 2017.....$5430.00

Catholic Communications Campaign
June 18-19, 2016.....$791.00
June 17-18, 2017.....$627.00

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

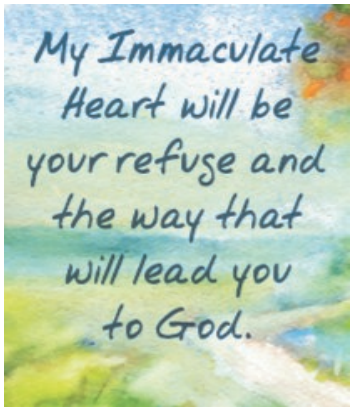
"Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid." Can it really be true? Is our heavenly Father actually so aware of us? Does the Creator of the universe pay that much attention to me? Jesus says yes. God knows us far more intimately than we even know ourselves. And so, we have nothing to fear.

Being Christian isn't guaranteed to be easy. More and more even in our own culture, following the faith is being criticized and discouraged in the public square. Privately, we may struggle with the demands of the commandments or the ability to believe when we face the inevitable trials that come our way. But passages like this one in today's Gospel are a source of tremendous hope and consolation. We are loved beyond measure. We enjoy the care and concern of God in every situation, big and small. Truly we have no need to worry or be anxious because God is in control.

For our part, of course, Jesus asks us to trust him and stay faithful. He asks us not to apologize for our faith, especially publicly. "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." When we live our faith with confidence, it's a way of accepting the power and providence of God. But when we try to hide our faith away because we're afraid of causing problems, we only damage our relationship with the One who can actually solve them.

At the end of the day, the only really serious problem we need to worry about is losing our soul-and that, to be sure, is up to us. As the great French novelist Léon Bloy wrote, "There is only one tragedy in the end: not to have been a saint."

Laudato Si, Pope Francis: "His divine presence, which ensures the subsistence and growth of each being, continues the work of creation."
Letter of St Paul:— "How much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many."



CONGRATULATIONS
FATHER JOHN CRONIN
ON YOUR ORDINATION
TO THE PRIESTHOOD.
MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR
NEW MINISTRY.
FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT THE
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH
IN WATERVLIET.